Ernest Cooper Macmillan Ride of their Lives 1.05pm

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David O'Meara

1 mile 1 furlong Flag start

No Horse



RACE DESCRIPTION

The first race today is an opportunity for riding enthusiasts to enjoy the "ride of their lives". This group of jockeys represents many walks of life and all have a cancer story. All the riders have got themselves fit and are raising funds for Macmillan Cancer Support. Start your day by cheering them on: you can have a bet, though the absence of jockey form should moderate your stake.



Sameem (IRE) B g New Approach (IRE) - Ahla Wasahl (Dubai Destination(USA)) The Sandmoor Partnership Ownor: Trainer: Tim Fasterby



Ane st-lh



After a long build up, it's here! Cancer affects everyone and my family is no different, I hope they will look down fondly today. I was keen to raise money for this important cause whilst getting the opportunity to ride on the Knavesmire. I have been involved in the breeding of thoroughbreds and selecting yearlings at the sales (the future racing stars) yet had never ridden a racehorse. I had ridden competitively eventing, dressage and show jumping all my life, so this seemed like the perfect challenge to bring the two together!



4 11-7 Jockey: Thomas Drewry Form: 24122 Rreeder: Ashbrittle Stud

I am riding today in honour of my mother who has been fighting cancer for the last three years and putting a brave face on it. Today marks the culmination of months of early starts, aching muscles, and more than mildly embarrassing moments in the saddle. But it has also been one of the most rewarding journeys I ever embarked on, filled with fun, passionate if not slightly eccentric characters who have all made the experience fascinating and unique. If they will have me back after today's race. I shall look forward to more glorious mornings on the gallops...



My friend Sarah lost her dad to cancer, and Lam doing it in honour of him. He did a hune amount of fundraising for Marmillan, to give something back to Marmillan that helped him so much through those tough times, it was a no brainer for me to do this. Labsolutely love racing, horses and York Races. I never thought I'd have the opportunity to gallop down the best track in the country, achieving something I've only ever dreamt of doing. I am beyond excited & truly grateful I have been given this opportunity, it really is a dream come true.

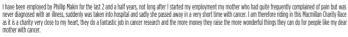


Form: 32474

Having lived in North Yorkshire all my life, days out at York Races have always left me in awe of how wonderful it must be to ride down the Knavesmire. Hence why I can't believe I am getting the opportunity to do so, and what better way than to do it for Marmillan. As a teenager we lost both parents of my dear friends. Thomas and Matthew Nichols to cancer and latterfy my Grandad lost his battle with leukaemia. This has been my motivation to raise funds and awareness, the more families that Macmillan can help going through these tragic times, the better!



10 11-7 Jockey: Kelsi Langley Form: 10174 Breeder: B Holland S Hillen & I Cullinar Headgear: Tongue Tie





5 11-7 Jockey: Nicola Naughton



Every year my family and I come and support Macmillan Raceday. I would say I'm going to apply next year! My friend who had gone through cancer treatment printed the forms off and said get them filled in. My Dad's cousin and friend's Mum both sadly lost their fight before they could see us charge down the Knavesmire. I would like to thank my family and friends who have helped raise money and get me fit. Also thanks to my best friend of 27 years Gillian Boanas for trusting me on her horse today. This may be the end of a good friendship if I don't give it a good ride.



Mythical Madness B g Dubawi (IRE) - Miss Delila (USA) (Malibu Moon (USA))



Age st-lb



I have worked in racing yards since I was 16 and I'm currently at David O'Meara's yard. I wanted to raise money for Macmillan after seeing what an amazing job they do for people with cancer and also the help it provides to their loved ones. This journey has been one of the most amazing things I have done. I've met some brilliant people and all of the other 11 riders are fantastic. We have all raised so much money for Macmillan I have really enjoyed training it's been hard but it has been well worth it and I will be looking forward to the race.



I am riding in memory of my work colleague Cheryl Steel, who sadly died in January 2020. My Mum has fought cancer on three occasions and has beaten it each time. I wanted to raise money for Macmillan in the hope that one day there will be a cure for cancer for everyone but also that in the meantime, the Macmillan nurses are able to make cancer patients as comfortable and well supported as they can be



11 11-7 Jockev: Claire Shepherd Form: 33754 Breeder: Aston House Stud



Claire Shepherd, 60, Askwith near Leeds and Harrogate. I ride for my father, who died of cancer December 2019. My Dad loved life. He supported my love of horses; picked me up when I fell down and encouraged me to 'focus, one fence at a time'. It's an honour to be in the race. I hope to help other families receive essential Macmillan care thanks to Sam England Racing, my 116 supporters and sponsors Sheeherd, Whiteburn, T.J.Atkins, Procotor, Leathers, H.M.B., Tim Leigh, Serviceloos, Pharmalls, SeedsDesign, Dad won't make the race but he will be riding it with me.



B q Monsieur Bond (IRE) - Normandy Maid (American Post) Richard Fahey Fbor Racing Club I to **Richard Fahev** Trainer:

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I am doing this race for my godparents who both sadly passed to cancer. I hope my fundraising has done them proud! I am very grateful to everyone who has supported me throughout my race journey! It means a lot to be able to give back to a charity that does some much for so many, especially how it has helped those close to me. A special thank you to all the staff at Musley Bank who have kept me right over the last few weeks. Also thank you to all those who have sponsored me and supported my journey!





In 2011. I met Kim Tinkler on a riding holiday. Two years later, Nioel Tinkler suggested I ride in the Macmillan Charity Race at York. Shortly after, Nigel watched me ride a thoroughbred and suggested I perhaps use my time differently. The challenge began then. I've lost loved ones to cancer and have loved ones currently fighting back, and I ride for them and for all families impacted by cancer. The opportunity to ride in support of Macmillan has been a privilege. I am thankful to Kim and Nigel for their extraordinary patience and generosity and to family and friends for their overwhelming support.



B g Fast Company (IRE) - Max Almabrouka (USA) (Hennessy (USA))

6 11-7 Jockev: Wendy Midgley Form: 0U3-70 Breeder: Garrett O'Neill



I have been around and worked with horses all my life and competed horses in many disciplines, I now work alongside my husband, Paul as his assistant trainer. Taking on this race was a big responsibility with the fundraising and the fitness we had to achieve, but it been a fantastic journey and great fun, and I've relished the challenge. I wanted to raise money for Macmillan as I've seen friends and family over the years effected by cancer so it's a charity close to my heart, but the real fun bit is getting to ride at the iconic York Racecourse.

CHARITY RACE PRESENTATION & BEST TURNED OUT



The trophy for this race will be presented to the winning owner after the race by Lee & Jason Cooper, Directors of Ernest Cooper Ltd.

Ernest Cooper have generously given £50 to the racing groom responsible for the best turned out horse in this race.